

# SCHOOL LAND BILL URGED BY GOVERNOR

### Senator Chamberlain Is Asked by Letter to Renew Activity in Congress.

## SELECTION RIGHT SOUGHT

#### 50,000 Acres of National Forest in Compact Body Are Desired in Lieu of Homestead Entry Losses to State.

If the present Congress takes suitable action, the state of Oregon's irrevocable school fund may be enriched to the extent of approximately 50,000 acres of valuable timber or agricultural land now within the National forests in this state.

Governor Withycombe has repeatedly urged members of the Oregon delegation in Congress to support legislation that will enable the state to exercise its right to select land in one compact body in lieu of losses sustained by the homestead entries, mineral entries and other reservations on school sections.

The Governor, Wednesday, January 19, wrote a personal letter to Senator Chamberlain on the subject.

**Governor Is Active.** Governor Withycombe was in Portland yesterday on his way to Eastern Oregon, whither he was called on official business, and told inquirers here that he is making every effort to protect the rights of the state in this particular.

It is plain, however, that the state can do nothing until Congress acts. The bill on this subject introduced in the sixty-third Congress by Senator Chamberlain passed the Senate, but was held up in the House.

Within the last few months Governor Withycombe has been in communication with the Interior Department at Washington, D. C., to learn what lands can be entered upon in the event Congress takes action. It is estimated that the state now has in this selection of school land through various causes. Under the law it is entitled to take up other lands in lieu of this property.

The Interior Department has given its approval to the plan.

**Letter Is Quoted.** As soon as Congress acts the state will be able to make its selection. The Governor's letter to Senator Chamberlain on this subject follows:

My Dear Senator Chamberlain: I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter recently received from G. L. Peary, of the school of forestry, Oregon Agricultural College, with reference to the possibility of securing the passage of a bill in this session of Congress effecting a change of certain school lands and indemnity rights within the National forest of the state of Oregon for an equal area of National forest land in one compact body within the state. For your convenience I am enclosing a copy of the bill introduced in the first session of the six Congress which was introduced for the exchange for the lands sought at this time.

It is my understanding that you were the chairman of the committee on public lands during the 63d Congress and the bill, which passed in the Senate, but failed in the House. For the reasons that I am sure you are well acquainted with, the bill would result to the state of Oregon through the passage of such a bill. I am sure you will appreciate the matter to you with the suggestion that you take whatever action you believe appropriate.

We think this very important to the interest of the state, particularly in view of the fact that it will be a very great assistance in strengthening our forestry work in the department of forestry at the college, because of the convenient location of the tract mentioned, and in the end will very materially augment our irrevocable school fund.

I shall be glad indeed to hear of your convenience your opinion on this proposed measure.

The Governor was in error in assuming that Senator Chamberlain was chairman of the public lands committee. The Senator, however, a member of the public lands committee.

The Governor, in addition to his communication to Senator Chamberlain, has written letters also to other members of the Oregon delegation in Congress, calling their attention to the situation.

## RESEARCH PLAN INDORSED

### Members' Council of Chamber Acts on Experiment Station Proposal.

## WATER JOBS AGAIN ISSUE

### Board Likely to Air Civil Service Troubles to Board Thursday.

## PRIEST ROBBED OF \$23.50

### Man Gains Entry to Pastor's Residence Under Guise of Parishioner.

## SEVERE COLDS QUICKLY CURED BY CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

### This Remedy Relieves the Lungs, Aids Expectoration, Opens the Secretions and Aids Nature in Restoring the System to a Healthy Condition.

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# MOVING PICTURE NEWS



## TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

- Columbia—"The Missing Links," "Fatty and Mabel Adrift," "Majestic—'At Bay.'"
- National—"Jeanne Dore."
- Sunset—"The Yellow Streak."
- Pickford—"Sealed Lips."
- Peoples—"The Ragamuffin," "The Goddess."

**KITTY GORDON**, soon to burst upon the screen in a film version of the P. C. Phillips' drama "As in a Looking Glass," is a young woman who believes in safety first, judging from the unique form of insurance policy which has just been issued to her at her behest.

She has insured her back! You see, somebody told Miss Gordon, who has been engaged by the World Film for "As in a Looking Glass," that the glaring lights of the immense batteries of Cooper-Hewitt and Klug lights were injurious to the texture of the skin. At once there was trepidation registered on Miss Gordon's mobile features. Visits to several insurance companies followed, but one after another they refused to daily with such a delicate form of underwriting as Miss Gordon's celebrated back.

Naturally, the premium paid is abnormally high. But Miss Gordon thinks it is worth it, as she declares she could not give the best of her acting to the screen if she was always to be worried about what the lights would do to her skin. By the way, the policy was not written till exhaustive tests of the effect of high-powered lights on human outcure had been made.

**Screen Gossip.** The following message was received by Carl Laemmle, president of the Universal Film Manufacturing Company, from Sarah Bernhardt, now playing the London Coliseum in "Les Cathedrales," in response to Laemmle's cable of congratulations attendant the opening of Madame Bernhardt's latest screen success, "Jeanne Dore," at Proctor's Twenty-third-Street Theater last week.

"I am so glad to hear of my film, 'Jeanne Dore,' being such a success. It is the only consolation I have in not being able to go myself to greet my dear American public for the present."

**"SARAH BERNHARDT."** J. R. Bray, cartoonist, originator of "Colonel Heeza Liar," whose animated cartoons will be shown exclusively on the new program hereafter, formerly contributed to Life, Puck and Judge.

Earle Williams is now spending his time at the Wykagyl Country Club, trying to learn to pronounce the names of the various golf courses and profitable labor by chasing golf balls hither and yon.

Robert Harron, the youngest male star of the Triangle-Fine Arts studio, appearing in "The Missing Links," was born in New York April 12, 1894. At the age of 15 he became an office boy at the old Biograph Studio, of which D. W. Griffith was director. In those economical days the office boy was called upon to portray office-boy parts, and thus he "broke in." He donned long trousers after he secured his first job as an actor.

George Roban's new film, a World

release, is temporarily entitled "The Genius-Pierre."

Mme. Petrova has given up her stage engagements to appear exclusively in pictures. "The Soul Market" will be followed by "The Scarlet Woman" and "Playing With Fire."

The Seattle Times has the following to say of "At Bay," the Pathe feature starring the beautiful Florence Reed: "Florence Reed, in 'At Bay,' packed the Strand at the opening yesterday. Manager Smyth has picked a fine production to start out with, and if the remainder of his photoplays keep up to this standard there will not be much doubt of the success of the theater."

Edward Jose, who is directing the Pathe serial, "The Iron Claw," has been looking for a man to drive an auto over a bridge while it is open. His location man, Fred Probst, went into a Broadway restaurant yesterday and was telling a friend about the stunt and that a man was needed. At the next table there were five dare-devils—James Ashburn, Bert Carr, Lou Storey, James Quinn and Bob Tansy, who overheard the conversation. In a chorus they all shouted: "I'll do it! how much is there in it?" The hard part is that Jose will have a difficult time deciding just which one to choose.

There are stars who printed in this country 1,208,343 picture postcards. Out of this number J. Warren Kerrigan received 898,786 from 8-year-old girls for Christmas presents. Theda Bara received from the same source 876,201; Clara Kimball Young, 998,111.

The Lasky Company journeyed to New York especially to photograph the scenes in the slums for Blanche Sweet's "The Ragamuffin."

The Oliver Morosco Company is much elated over the signing of George Broadhurst, the famous international playwright, for its scenario department. Included in the deal are the following: "The American Lord," "Why Smith Left Home," "The Speculator," "The Captain," "The Easterner," "A Lucky Dog," "Just Between the Plainsman," "The Holy City," "Winning Him Back." Mr. Broadhurst commences work at once, although the name of his first filmed play is not given.

Margery Wilson, the Triangle-Kay-Bee leading lady, had to weep and could not see Director Cecil De Mille to her, and she sobbed immediately. Mr. Hart wishes it to be understood that the poem he recited was not a humorous effort of his own.

The petite little dame, Jean Southern, the former film star of the Fox Country, who deserted the film game for the vaudeville stage some time ago, will soon return to the screen in a feature production. By the way, she also adds that Miss Southern has a hobby quite different from the majority of stars, as her fascination for beans is far more powerful than that exercised by Sweeney over Tribby.

Bertram Burleigh and Fred Paul, English theatrical talent, have been secured by Pathe for "The Love Trail," adapted from the English Novel, "The Dope Doctor." Paul was with Cyril Maude for four years.

Jim Corbett, star of "The Other Girl," who is to figure in a screen auto accident, had a taste of the real thing the other day, when his machine collided with a big truck. Jim escaped with bruises, but Mrs. Corbett had an arm broken and sustained severe injuries about the head.

Being influenced purely by their love of realism and accuracy in pictures, the National officers of the Elks have written the Universal Company fearful letters in quantities pointing out that one of the villains in "Graft" wears an Elk emblem on his watch chain, a thing purely beyond plausibility, since no Elk could be a villain. The scene was retaken and the actor was reprimanded and his chain taken away.

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Gus Bothman's \$50,000 suit against Mrs. Caroline Elwert Alexander, alleging that she lited him, is on trial in Circuit Judge Gates' court. The hearing began yesterday.

He set up that she promised in January, 1902, to marry him, and reiterated the pledge several times, and that out of "pure love and affection for her," he acted as her business agent and even as her "slave."

As proof of his loyalty, fidelity and affection for her and her reliance upon him, and her love and trust in him, he took the stand and identified a dozen or more letters written to him by Mrs. Alexander, then Mrs. Elwert, during her absence from Portland on numerous occasions.

Screen of these letters contained terms of endearment. They were written in 1914 before she married Temple Alexander, of San Francisco, and just prior to the bringing of the suit. In one letter she called him "sweet sugar." In another she asked him to send the size of his finger to her. Ostensibly she had a notion to buy him a ring.

**Dates Are Forgotten.** While their relations seemed intimate, both in a business and social way, from the tenor of the letters, yet Bothman, when cross-questioned on the stand, had only a general and hazy recollection as to the times when the defendant had promised to marry him. The complaint set the date on January 5, 1902, and renewed, it alleges, subsequently, but exactly when he was unable to say.

Mrs. Caroline Elwert had a pet dog or cat, "Tigie." During her absence she appeared, from the letters to Bothman, to be more solicitous about the animal than the man. And in her later letters she referred to him equally as concerned in the welfare of two pet cats. Bothman alleges in his bill of complaint that it was one of his duties to care for these favorites.

It was apparent from the questions which the defendant's attorney crossed Bothman with, that the defense will seek to show by a contract alleged to have been signed by Bothman, that he had been paid some \$2500 by Mrs. Elwert, now Mrs. Alexander, in full satisfaction for all claims for services rendered in which he sees for, in another suit. Bothman, while on the stand yesterday, was confronted with this line of defense.

**Spectators Curious.** The trial was gone into without any preliminary skirmishes after the jury had been drawn in the forenoon. The afternoon found Bothman on the stand putting in the affidavits for services rendered to support his case.

There was a courtroom full of curious spectators, both men and women. Attaches in many apartments and giving Courtroom happened along intermittently, hoping to hear some spicy evidence, but the epistles were not regarded as risqué by any means.

The first letter was dated January 25, 1902. It was sent from San Francisco to Bothman by Mrs. Elwert, who was there with her sick mother. The strongest term of endearment used was in the address "dear friend." She seemed most concerned over "Tigie," and obligated to look after it, and cautioned Bothman to look after it, in closing she manifests, it would appear, a bit more ardor, "with much love, yours, C."

This was about the time, he alleges in his complaint, that they were engaged to marry when he returned.

**Letters Are Quoted.** Other letters follow: San Francisco, April 12, 1902.—Dear Friend Gus: We leave here Friday eve. Keep it q-t. I'm glad you put life into the tenants and make them come to time.

Then she warned him about collecting rents, and closed with "Kindest regards, Carrie."

Portland, June 27, 1902.—Dear Friend: I went to the P. O. today and found your letter and a number of

others. I was very much delighted, I can assure you. I thank you very much as I am. Tell the folks not to give me any fresh meat. She likes fried steak, little done and cut in small pieces—she has no teeth but two—and a little warm milk, please, all the time. "Mother is confined to her bed. I think I will bring her home in a box. She had a bad attack again. All my pleasure has left me. The doctor wants me to take her south. If she gets no better by Friday, down we go. I can't understand what the U. S. bank means—are they jealous of you? What man do they mean? It is Mr. Bayer and yourself I left my business with when I left Portland."

"Send me your size of finger in next letter. Send all letters 'Gen. Del.' San Francisco.

"How is your good health? Have you and the old maid made up? Well, Sweet Sugar, I must close. Hoping to hear a line soon again. With love and good wishes. Yours truly, C."

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And Norma Talmadge, Thos. Jefferson and Robt. Harron in the Weird and Puzzling Drama

## 2 DAYS MORE The Missing Links

# COLUMBIA

### Tea Served Daily From 3 to 5 P. M. FREE

home January 28, and would stop in Chicago four days. Dr. Warren Dupre Smith today announced that he had declined to accept an offer by the Chinese government to become the head of the department of geology in Peking. He said that he would continue in his present position with the University of Oregon. After he had telegraphed his decision to the Chinese legation, he received a message stating that the offer would be held open until June, in case he should decide to accept.

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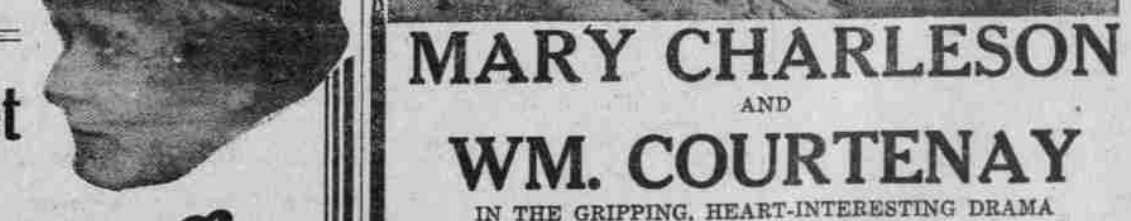
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### IN THE GRIPPING, HEART-INTERESTING DRAMA

# SEALED LIPS?

### SEE IT TODAY WITHOUT FAIL

# THE PICKFORD

### Washington at Park

MR. DEAN VINCENT—You and your friends are invited to be guests at "The Pickford" for a loge party (8 people) Wednesday, January 26, 8 P. M. Call for seats at box office.

Be sure to get a Souvenir Photo of this saucy little star—only a couple of thousand left.

# Blanche Sweet

# The Ragamuffin

### The Big Play of Bowery Life and High Society That's Being Shown With

# Anita Stewart and Earle Williams

# The Goddess

# PEOPLES THEATER

### TODAY AND TOMORROW—LAST TIMES

### First Show at 11:00; Then 12:45, 2:30, 4:15, 6:00, 7:45, 9:30

### Come a Few Minutes Early